

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A power transmission apparatus of motor vehicles, comprising:
an engine;
a gear change apparatus provided between said engine and a vehicle drive shaft;
an electric rotary machine connected to an output shaft of said engine and said vehicle drive shaft via said gear change apparatus; and
a clutch provided on an input shaft or an output shaft of said gear change apparatus in order to change a torque transmission course, and by which a gear change operation is carried out to adjust a transmission torque between said input shaft and said output shaft.

2. (Amended) A power transmission apparatus of motor vehicles according to claim 1, wherein said clutch is mounted on a gear having a lowest gear change ratio in said gear change apparatus.

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(Amended) A power transmission apparatus of motor vehicles, comprising:

an engine;
a gear change apparatus provided between said engine and a vehicle drive shaft; and
an electric rotary machine connected to an output shaft of said engine and said vehicle drive shaft via said gear change apparatus,

wherein a rotation of an output shaft of said electric rotary machine is reduced and transmitted to an engine side input shaft of said gear change apparatus, and

wherein a first gear is mounted on the output shaft of the electric rotary machine and a second gear is mounted on the input shaft of the gear change apparatus, each of the output shaft of the electric rotary machine and the input shaft of the gear change apparatus being provided with a respective clutch.

89/4. (Amended) A power transmission apparatus of motor vehicles, comprising:

an engine;

a gear change apparatus arranged between said engine and a vehicle drive shaft; and

an electric rotary machine connected to an output shaft of said engine and said vehicle drive shaft via said gear change apparatus,

wherein the output shafts of said engine and said electric rotary machine are provided separately, and

wherein gears respectively mounted on an input shaft of the gear change apparatus for transmitting the power of the output shaft of said engine and the output shaft of said electric rotary machine directly engage with each other, the input shaft of the gear change apparatus and the output shaft of the electric rotary machine having respective clutches.

Please add the following new claims:

-- 9. (New) A power transmission apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the clutch is a dog clutch.